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Letter No. 13672/169/..., dated the 19th December, 1931, from Headquarters, Madras District, Bangalore.

A copy of letter No. 6158/413-1928, dated the 28th August, 1931, addressed to the Government of India on the subject may if approved, be sent to Headquarters.

Draft submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
6-1-1932.

Secretary.

Memorandum No. F. 188-A/30, dated the 29th December, 1931, from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

Please see S.N. 130/413-1928.

The Government of India have now decided that they will on no account be prepared to render any financial assistance to the Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore. They therefore direct that the Resident should explore avenues of economy in order to meet this and other contingent liabilities from Assigned Tract revenues. This question will be taken up separately. Meanwhile the orders of the Government of India may kindly be communicated to -------- Headquarters, Madras District and President, Municipal ----- Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Two drafts submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
18-1-1932.

Secretary.

This may make a big
bad hd a disastrous
difference to our finances
Before the Municipal Committee
is fully aware of the
Govt's views I must
talk it over with Cooke.
There seems little doubt that
the R.C. will try to
get as much out of
A.T. Revenues as possible
& we must give them
as little as possible

Yrs
Resident.

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Put up with the Colonial
D.O letter to Major Locke
on the subject.

Yrs

Please See.
S.N. 1/Confdl. Edn.
33/1930.
Flag A
Hr
25.132

Mr. Cooke's D.O. letter is not in office. It ~~was~~ might

an appeal for a yearly grant.
until I can definitely state
what I cannot foresee today my
scheme lapses for commission.

28.1.32

Rep/Mo

1. Before P.U.C. II draft
par 4 draft is the
important point. So long
as the Commission feel there
is no hope of a grant
from A.T. Revenues they
will, Cobb is sure,
devise means of raising
the money.
26 days until date is
the least chance they
have left us since
my own view is that
we could not afford such
a year. We must keep
our position sound. We
are always telling S of S
how sound we are
I do not

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Please see p.u.c I. We have communicated the gist of p.u.c II to the Municipal Commission leaving out paragraph 4. District want to know how the matter stands. I see no harm in a copy of p.u.c. II being sent to them without any omission. It is necessary for them to be acquainted with the views of the Government of India and our covering letter will be marked "strictly confidential". It may therefore issue ?

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Resident

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S.N. 8. Issued No. 1102, dated the 12th February, 1932.

P.U.C Letter No. 13872/iii/150/Q., dated the 13th February, 1932, from Headquarters, Madras District, Bangalore.

A reply was sent on the 12th February.-Vide S.N. 8. May be filed.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
14-2-1932

Superintendent.

12/2/32

No.13872/139/Q.

Headquarters, Madras District.

Bangalore 19th December 1931.

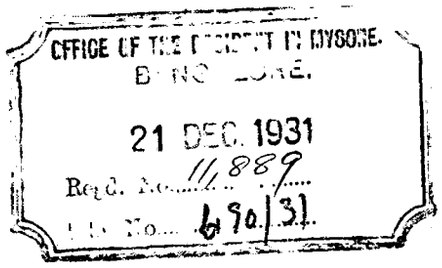
To:-

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Bangalore Water Supply.

With reference to your letter No. 8575/690/1931, dated the 28th November, 1931, and conversation between yourself and the Commander, Royal Engineers, Madras District, on the 17th December 1931, I have the honour to request that you will kindly forward me a copy of the communication addressed by you to the Government of India, regarding the question of the division of cost between the Civil and Military in connection with the Bangalore Water Supply Scheme.



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

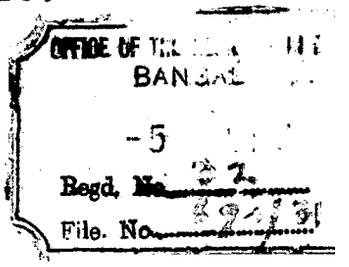
MAJOR GENERAL,

COMMANDER, MADRAS DISTRICT.

Confidential.

From- The Under Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To - The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.



Memorandum No.F.188-A/30.

Dated New Delhi, the 29th December 1931.

Bangalore Water Supply.

S.N.130

Reference correspondence ending with your letter No.6158/413-1928, dated the 25th August 1931.

2. In your letter referred to above you have agreed that the Military Authorities cannot be made to pay disproportionately for the growth of the Civil population, whatever the attitude which the Commission may adopt with regard to it. You anticipate that a modification of the existing arrangements under which the Military Authorities bear one-third of the cost of water supply will entail an approximate additional expenditure of Rs. 26400/- per annum. and you have suggested that it does not seem practicable for the Municipal Commission to increase their water rate substantially in view of the comparative cheapness of the rates prevailing in the Bangalore City. The only alternative suggested is that the Government of India should make a grant-in-aid, as the revenues of the Assigned Tract are not adequate for the purpose.

3. The Government of India are not prepared to agree that the water rate levied by the Municipal Commission should be identical with that of the City, especially as the sanitary amenities provided by the Commission appear to be on the whole superior to those provided by the City Municipality. For reasons which

you have yourself accepted as valid, namely, the present disproportion of the Military and Civil population, it is no longer possible to ask the Military Authorities to bear a share of the expenditure which was arrived at in the days when the proportion of the two populations as well as the estimated consumption was 1 : 2. The future distribution of cost of water should, therefore, be based on the amounts actually consumed. In order to meet the extra expenditure which will devolve on the Commission in consequence of this decision, it is incumbent on them to increase their revenue by increasing the water rate and the charges for excess consumption, and by such other means as are legitimately within their powers

4. Should the Municipal Commission raise the question of levying a tax on professions, trades or callings in respects of any Military officer or soldier who is employed on Military duty in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the Government of India do not intend to object to any proposal which may be legally correct, provided no discrimination is made in the levy of taxes against the Military population. As the condition under which the military population was exempted from the levy of such taxes no longer holds good, the Municipal Commission cannot legitimately be asked to forego their revenues. The Government of India desire, however, that unless the Municipal Commission themselves raise this subject, no such suggestion should be put to them.

5. As regards the Civil control of the water supply your further views are requested if and when the Municipal Commission raise the question.

6. It has been suggested in your letter that the Assigned Tract revenues which had surpluses ranging between Rs. 92000/- to Rs. 1.62 lakhs during the years 1926-27 to 1929-30 cannot afford to make any grant-in-aid to the Municipality, in view of the balance being reserved for meeting expenditure on Civil Works, increments to establishment, Police force etc. The Government of India regret they cannot concur in this view. If after the Municipality have made a thorough investigation into their resources and made the necessary efforts for increasing them by the levy of water tax etc., they were to establish a good case for some grant-in-aid, the amount would have to be found from the revenues of the Assigned Tract in the shape of a grant-in-aid, and the Government of India will on no account be prepared to render any financial assistance It is most important that you should explore avenues of economy in order to meet this and other contingent liabilities.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy to the Army Department(Engineer-in-Chief's Br

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 875
690-1931.

DATED BANGALORE, 3rd Feby. 1932.

FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The President, Municipal Commission,

Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

S.91. (E)

Reference ~~Mgr~~ your ~~memo~~ letter No. Gt.22/28, dated the 30th November 1929.

Subject.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY.

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1. The proportion viz. 2/3rds of the expenditure of the water supply to be met by Municipality and 1/3rd by the Military was fixed in 1897 on the approximate quantity of water then expected to be consumed by the Civil & Military population respectively. According to the census of 1931, the total population of the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore, is 1,34,123 of which the civil population is 1,24,450 and the Military population 9,673. According to the actual computed figures of consumption furnished by Headquarters, Madras District, the total number of gallons consumed in 1930-31 was 565,050,100 of which the Military consumed 51,051,251 gallons or 9.03% and the Municipal Commission 513,998,849 gallons or 90.97%.

2. The following table furnished by Headquarters, Madras District, shows the present and future cost to the Military and the Municipal Commission assuming that the future daily consumption will be 2 million gallons:-

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The following table furnished by Headquarters, Madras District, shows the present and future cost to the Military and the Municipal Commission assuming that the future daily consumption will be 2 million gallons:-

	Present Cost. No. of gallons consumed in 1930-1931.	Appendix. Cost for the year 1930-31.	Future cost.	No. of gallons consumed.	Cost per annum.	Difference between columns 3 and 6. - Less. + More.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
M i l i t a r y.	*51,051,251 (9.03%)	Rs.63,408/- (19.9 annas 1000 gallons)	Military 9.03% Cost of Distribution at 9.03% of 93,387.	ø65,919,000	32,142 8,432 40,574	- 22,834
Municipal Commission.	*513,998,849 (90.97%)	Rs.138,485/- (4.3 annas 1,000 gallons).	Municipal Commission 90.97% Cost of Distribution at 90.97% of 93,387.	ø664,081,000	3,17,514 84,995 4,02,509	+2,64,024
Total.	565,050,100	Rs.201,893	Total.	730,000,000	4,43,083	+2,41,190

* Actual computed figures of consumption.

ø These figures are obtained by sharing the total consumption at 2,000,000 gallons per day in the proportions shown in Column 2. It is considered however that when 2,000,000 gallons per day become available these proportions will no longer obtain, the Military consumption remaining practically stationary and the Civil consumption increasing.

From the above statement it will be seen that the Military Authorities will save about Rs.22,834/- per annum while the Municipal Commission will have to pay about Rs.2,64,020 more per annum. In these circumstances it is clear that the Military Authorities cannot be made to pay disproportionately for the growth of the Civil population.

The Hon'ble the Resident suggested to the Government of India that it did not seem practicable for the Municipal Commission to increase their water rate substantially in view of the comparative cheapness of the rates prevailing in the Bangalore City. The only alternative suggested was that the Government of India should make a grant-in-aid, as the revenues of the Assigned Tract are not adequate for the purpose.

3. The Government of India in reply state that they are not prepared to agree that the water rate levied by the Municipal Commission should be identical with that of the City, especially as the sanitary amenities provided by the Commission appear to be on the whole superior to those provided by the City Municipality. The Government of India add that owing to the present disproportion of the Military and Civil population, it is no longer possible to ask the Military Authorities to bear a share of the expenditure which was arrived at in the days when the proportion of the two populations as well as the estimated consumption was 1 : 2. The Government of India further direct that the future distribution of cost of water should, therefore, be based on the amounts actually consumed. In order to meet the extra expenditure which will devolve on the Commission in consequence of this decision, the Government of India suggest that it is incumbent on the Municipal Commission to increase their revenue by increasing the water rate and the charges for excess consumption, and by such other means as are legitimately within their powers.

4. The Government of India are emphatic that on no account will they be prepared to render any financial assistance and the Hon'ble the Resident desires it to be equally clear understood that

that no grant will be forthcoming from the revenues of the Assigned Tract.

5. The action which the Commission propose to take in the matte may therefore kindly be intimated to this Residency at an early date.

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Captain.

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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To

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I have etc.,

Secretary to the Resident.

T. N. Thangavelu
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